Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Federation of the Blind was founded in 1940 to end discrimination against the blind and to secure first-class citizenship for all blind persons; and,

Whereas, Today the National Federation of the Blind, representing more than 50,000 members across the country, continues to work to secure equal rights and opportunities for the blind. Work is being done to change attitudes about blindness by providing information about blindness to parents, teachers, school administrators, and business, political, social, and civic leaders; and,

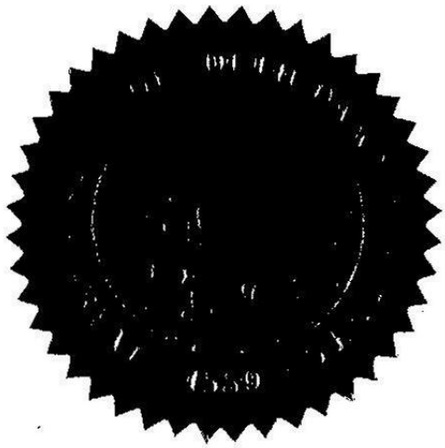
Whereas, The National Federation of the Blind is launching a pilot program, **Who's Whozit**, to bring our message to school-aged children to generate excitement around one of our organization's most important efforts – public education; and,

Whereas, Members of the South Dakota state affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind are educating the general public and encouraging the public to get to know the blind throughout the month of October to learn how blind people lead full and active lives:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

MEET THE BLIND MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State